Theft of vehicles in Delhi

831. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item entitled "Lots of theft, park at your peril" appearing in the media;

(b) if so, what is the total number of vehicles stolen in NCT of Delhi during the last one year;

(c) how many vehicles have so far been traced and handed over to the owners; and

(d) whether police has shown incompetence in handling cases relating to theft of vehicles and if so, what are the future plans of Delhi Police to track down culprits immediately on filing FIR for thefts of vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. 7402 vehicles were stolen during the period from 1st December, 2002 and 30th November, 2003 from the National Capital Territory of Delhi. Out of these, 1364 vehicles have been recovered and 1278 handed over to the owners so far.

(d) No, Sir. The steps taken by Delhi Police to check auto theft in the Capital include formation of Anti-Auto Theft Squad in each district; exercising proper vigilance at the border check posts; deployment of policemen in plain-clothes to collect intelligence; collection of data regarding auto-lifters; deployment of decoy vehicles to nab the auto lifters; and exchange of intelligence with neighbouring States.

Expenditure on Anti-Terrorism activities in the country

832. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated expenditure to the Exchequer for anti-terrorism activities undertaken in various parts of the country;

(b) what steps are being taken to procure modern equipments to combat terrorists who have the latest technology to strike terror in the country;

(c) whether Government propose to give latest training techniques to the forces to contain terrorism in the country; and